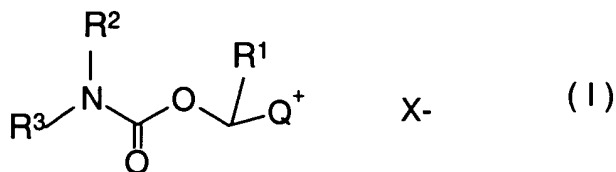


Amendment to the Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A compound of the formula (I),



wherein

Q is a 3-[4-(4-cyanophenyl)thiazol-2-yl]-2-(2,5-difluorophenyl)-1-(1H-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl)-butan-2-ol moiety which is linked to the remainder of the compound of formula (I) by a nitrogen in the triazole;

R¹ is hydrogen or alkyl;

R² is hydrogen, alkyl, alkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, alkoxy carbonyl, alkylcarbonyl, mono- or dialkylaminoalkylcarbonyloxyalkyl;

R³ is pyridin-2-yl or substituted pyridin-2-yl; and

X⁻ is a pharmaceutically acceptable anion,

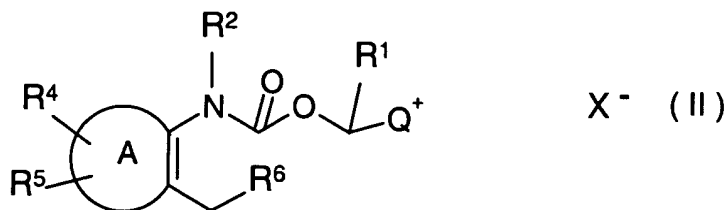
wherein

when R³ is substituted pyridin-2-yl, the substituent is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, carboxy, alkyloxycarbonyl, cyano, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy ~~trifluoromethoxy~~, nitro, aminosulfonyl, alkylaminocarboxyloxyalkyl, sulfo, alkylcarbonyloxyalkyl and aminoalkylcarbonyloxyalkyl;

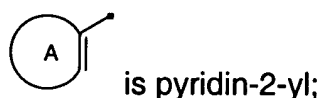
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

2. (Currently Amended) The compound ~~Compounds~~ of claim 1 wherein R³ is substituted pyridin-2-yl.

3. (Currently amended) The Compound Compounds of claim 2 having formula (II),



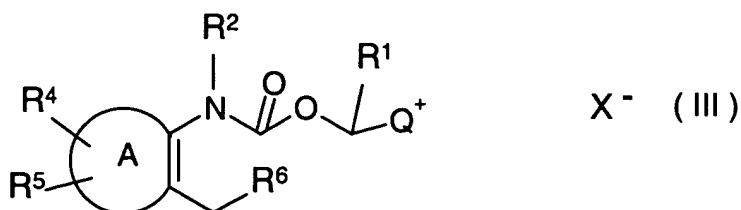
wherein



R⁴ and R⁵ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, carboxy, alkoxycarbonyl, cyano, trifluoromethyl, ~~trifluormethoxy~~, trifluoromethoxy, nitro, aminosulfonyl, alkylaminocarboxyloxyalkyl, sulfo, alkylcarbonyloxyalkyl and aminoalkylcarbonyloxyalkyl; and

R⁶ is hydroxy, alkoxycarbonylalkylamino, alkoxycarbonylamino, amino, alkylamino, alkylcarbonyloxy, alkoxycarbonylalkylaminoalkylcarbonyloxy, alkoxycarbonylamino-alkylcarbonyloxy, alkylaminoalkylcarbonyloxy, aminoalkylcarbonyloxy, alkylcarbonylamino, alkylcarbonylalkylamino, acyloxy, acylamino, acylalkylamino wherein said acyl group is a hydrolizable radical.

4. (Currently amended) Compounds of claim 3 having formula (III),



wherein

~~R¹, R², Q, and X are as defined in claim 1;~~

R⁴ and R⁵ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, carboxy, alkyloxycarbonyl, cyano, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, nitro, aminosulfonyl or sulfo; and

R⁶ is hydroxy, alkoxy carbonylalkylamino, alkoxy carbonylamino, amino, alkylamino, alkylcarbonyloxy, alkoxy carbonylalkylaminoalkylcarbonyloxy, alkoxy carbonylamino-alkylcarbonyloxy, alkylaminoalkylcarbonyloxy, aminoalkylcarbonyloxy, alkylcarbonylamino, alkylcarbonylalkylamino, acyloxy, acylamino, acylalkylamino wherein said acyl is a hydrolizable radical.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~Compounds~~ The compound of claim 4 wherein R⁴ and R⁵ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen, alkoxy, cyano, trifluoromethyl, ~~trifluoromethoxy~~ trifluoromethoxy and nitro.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~Compounds~~ The compound of claim 5 wherein R⁴ and R⁵ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen and alkoxy.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~Compounds~~ The compound of claim 4 wherein R⁴ and R⁵ are hydrogen.
8. (Currently Amended) ~~Compounds~~ The compound of claim 4 wherein R⁶ is alkylamino, alkylcarbonyloxy, alkylaminoalkylcarbonyloxy or aminoalkylcarbonyloxy.
9. (Currently Amended) ~~Compounds~~ The compound of claim 8 wherein R⁶ is alkylaminoalkylcarbonyloxy.
10. (Canceled)
11. (Canceled)
12. (Canceled)
13. (Canceled)
14. (Canceled)
15. (Currently Amended) ~~Compounds~~ The compound of claim 1 wherein R¹ is hydrogen or alkyl.
16. (Currently Amended) ~~Compounds~~ The compound of claim 15 wherein R¹ is methyl.
17. (Currently Amended) ~~Compounds~~ The compound of claim 1 wherein R² is hydrogen or alkyl.
18. (Currently Amended) ~~Compounds~~ The compound of claim 17 wherein R² is alkyl.

19. (Canceled)
20. (Canceled)
21. (Canceled)
22. (Currently Amended) ~~Compounds~~ The compound of claim 1 wherein X is a halogen.
23. (Currently Amended) ~~Compounds~~ The compound of claim 22 wherein X is chloro.
24. (Canceled)
25. (Canceled)
26. (Currently Amended) A compound selected from the group consisting of
- 1-[[N-methyl-N-3-[(methylamino)acetoxymethyl]pyridin-2-yl]carbamoyloxy]ethyl-1-
[(2R,3R)-2-(2,5-difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-3-[4-(4-cyanophenyl)thiazol-2-yl]butyl]-1H-
[1,2,4]triazol-4-ium chloride dihydrochloride,
- 1-[[N-methyl-N-3-[(methylamino)acetoxymethyl]pyridin-2-yl]carbamoyloxy]ethyl-1-
[(2R,3R)-2-(2,5-difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-3-[4-(4-cyanophenyl)thiazol-2-yl]butyl]-1H-
[1,2,4]triazol-4-ium chloride hydrochloride, or
- 1-[[N-methyl-N-3-(acetoxymethyl)pyridin-2-yl]carbamoyloxy]ethyl-1-[(2R,3R)-2-(2,5-
difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-3-[4-(4-cyanophenyl)thiazol-2-yl]butyl]-1H-[1,2,4]triazol-4-ium
chloride hydrochloride,

27. (Previously amended) A compound which is 1-[[N-methyl-N-3-[(methylamino)acetoxymethyl]pyridin-2-yl]carbamoyloxy]ethyl-1-[(2R,3R)-2-(2,5-difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-3-[4-(4-cyanophenyl)thiazol-2-yl]butyl]-1H-[1,2,4]triazol-4-ium chloride hydrochloride.

28. (Canceled)

29. (Canceled)

30. (Previously amended) An pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

31. (Original) A method of treating fungal infections comprising administering to the infected organism an effective amount of a compound of claim 1.
